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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHIBATA et al

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For: Method And Apparatus For Detecting Defects

Art Unit: 2877

Examiner: G. Stock, Jr.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Appeal (Patents Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 17, 2006

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 17, 2005.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.40997X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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